

## Council

### July 22, 2021

Grey County Council met at the call of the Warden on the above date at 9:31 AM through electronic means. The Clerk called Council to order and Warden Selwyn Hicks assumed the Chair.

The Roll was called by the Clerk with all members present except Councillors Boddy and Soever. Alternate Councillor Sampson attended in Councillor Soever's place.

Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Heather Morrison, Clerk; and Kathie Nunno, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator were also participating.

The following staff members were in attendance:

Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning and Development; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care; Jennifer Moreau, Director of Human Resources; Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services; Jody MacEachern, Senior Manager of Information Technology; Elizabeth Brims, Ontario Works Manager and Olivia Yale, Communications Officer.

## Land Acknowledgement

Warden Hicks read the land acknowledgement statement.

## Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor McQueen then entered the meeting.

## Adoption of Minutes

CC57-21      Moved by: Councillor Carleton      Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

**That the minutes of the County Council meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting dated July 8, 2021 and the resolutions contained therein, be adopted as presented.**

Carried

CC58-21 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

**That the Board of Health minutes dated May 28, 2021 and the Board of Health Executive Committee minutes dated June 9, 2021 be received for information.**

Carried

## COVID Update

Dr. Arra provided an update on current cases. The recent finding is that 99% of the cases are the delta variant. The decision to move to stage 3 took place with Public Health Ontario, Ministry of Health and other stakeholders. It is estimated that the delta variant could stay with us for up to ten weeks. It is encouraging that in Grey and Bruce the numbers are currently decreasing rather than increasing. Private gatherings/parties have resulted in increased cases and contacts. The transient population have a high number of cases and a high number of high-risk contacts. There is evidence that the transmission within regulated settings have had no change in risk of transmission.

Provincially, the Chief Medical Officer of Health anticipates concern in the fall if the province does not achieve 85% double vaccination.

Discussion continued about vaccine statistics, efficacy and understanding about vaccines, herd immunity, and potential future outcomes.

The information that Dr. Arra shared with Council will be released by the Health Unit through various means to the public and shared with partners.

## Good News and Celebrations

Mary Lou Spicer introduced two new staff members to County Council. Sue Murray is manager of accounting and budgets and Katherine Dabrowa is a financial analyst.

Warden Hicks thanked those in Grey County who have been invaluable in responding to COVID including Grey County paramedics, housing and social services staff who have gone above and beyond in responding to crisis after crisis in helping our vulnerable residents. Thanks goes out to staff of our partner organizations who have been critical in helping residents get vaccine, shelter, food supply, mental health and addiction support, and isolating safety when needed: United Way of Grey Bruce, OSHARE, Salvation Army, YMCA Housing, CMHA Grey Bruce, Victims Services, Safe 'N Sound, Grey Bruce Health Services, Bruce Grey Child & Family Services, Community Drug & Alcohol Strategy, Grey Bruce Health Unit, all of the frontline staff as well as many others affiliated with the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force. Without hard work and 24/7 commitment, many would have faced much more hardships than they did and our

efforts to contain the spread would have failed. Warden Hicks added that several of these organizations depend on donations to keep them going.

Councillor O'Leary congratulated Councillor Keaveney on her retirement. Dairy Queen in Meaford has been passed on to the new owners.

## Adjournment

On motion by Councillors Desai and Paterson, Council adjourned at 10:27 AM to the call of the Warden.

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Selwyn Hicks, Warden

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Heather Morrison, Clerk